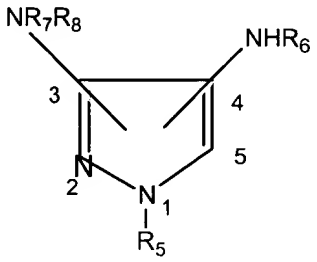
20. (Amended) A composition for the oxidation dyeing of keratin fibers comprising:

- at least one oxidation base chosen from diaminopyrazoles of formula (II) and acid-addition salts thereof:



(II)

in which:

- R_5 is chosen from a C_2-C_4 hydroxyalkyl radical;

- R_6 and R_7, which are identical or different, are chosen from a hydrogen atom, a C_1-C_4 alkyl radical, a C_2-C_4 hydroxyalkyl radical, a benzyl radical and a phenyl radical; and

- R_8 is chosen from a hydrogen atom, a C_1-C_6 alkyl radical and a C_2-C_4 hydroxyalkyl radical, and

- and at least one coupler chosen from 3-amino-2-chloro-6-methylphenol and acid addition salts thereof.

24. (Amended) A composition according to Claim 48, wherein said halogen atoms are chosen from chlorine, bromine, iodine and fluorine.

26. (Amended) A composition according to Claim 48, wherein said diaminopyrazoles are chosen from:

a) diaminopyrazoles of formula (II), and acid addition salts thereof:

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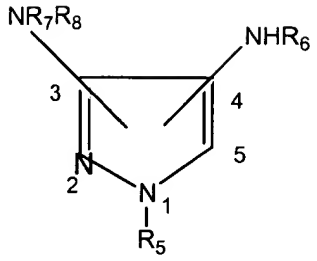


(II)

in which:

- R_5 is chosen from a hydrogen atom, a C_1-C_6 alkyl radical, a C_2-C_4 hydroxyalkyl radical, a benzyl radical, a phenyl radical, a benzyl radical substituted with a halogen atom, a C_1-C_4 alkyl radical or C_1-C_4 alkoxy radical, or

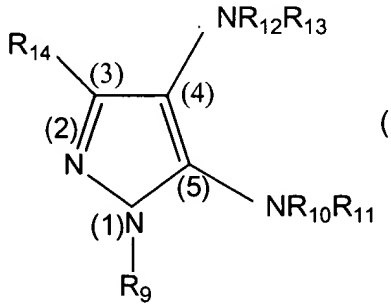
R_5 forms, with the nitrogen atom of the group NR_7R_8 in position 5, a hexahydropyridazine or tetrahydropyrazole heterocycle which is optionally monosubstituted with a C_1-C_4 alkyl group;

- R_6 and R_7 which are identical or different, are chosen from a hydrogen atom, a C_1-C_4 alkyl radical, a C_2-C_4 hydroxyalkyl radical, a benzyl radical and a phenyl radical;

- R_8 is chosen from a hydrogen atom, a C_1-C_6 alkyl radical and a C_2-C_4 hydroxyalkyl radical;

with the proviso that R_6 is a hydrogen atom when R_5 either is a substituted benzyl radical or forms a heterocycle with the nitrogen atom of the group NR_7R_8 in position 5; and

b) diaminopyrazoles of formula (III), and acid addition salts thereof:



(III)

in which:

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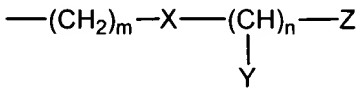
- R_9, R_{10}, R_{11}, R_{12} and R_{13}, which are identical or different, are chosen from a hydrogen atom; a linear or branched C_1-C_6 alkyl radical; a C_2-C_4 hydroxyalkyl radical; a C_2-C_4 aminoalkyl radical; a phenyl radical; a phenyl radical substituted with a halogen atom or a C_1-C_4 alkyl, C_1-C_4 alkoxy, nitro, trifluoromethyl, amino or C_1-C_4 alkylamino radical; a benzyl radical; a benzyl radical substituted with a halogen atom or with a C_1-C_4 alkyl, C_1-C_4 alkoxy, methylenedioxy or amino radical; and a radical



in which m and n are integers, which are identical or different, ranging from 1 to 3 inclusive, X is chosen from an oxygen atom and an NH group, Y is chosen from a hydrogen atom and a methyl radical, and Z is chosen from a methyl radical and a group OR or NRR' in which R and R', which are identical or different, are chosen from a hydrogen atom, a methyl radical and an ethyl radical,

with the proviso that when R_{10} is a hydrogen atom, then R_{11} can also be an amino or C_1-C_4 alkylamino radical,

- R_{14} is chosen from a linear or branched C_1-C_6 alkyl radical; a C_1-C_4 hydroxyalkyl radical; a C_1-C_4 aminoalkyl radical; a (C_1-C_4)alkylamino(C_1-C_4)alkyl radical; a di(C_1-C_4)alkylamino(C_1-C_4)alkyl radical; a hydroxy(C_1-C_4)alkylamino(C_1-C_4)alkyl radical; a (C_1-C_4)alkoxymethyl radical; a phenyl radical; a phenyl radical substituted with a halogen atom or with a C_1-C_4 alkyl, C_1-C_4 alkoxy, nitro, trifluoromethyl, amino or C_1-C_4 alkylamino radical; a benzyl radical; a benzyl radical substituted with a halogen atom or with a C_1-C_4 alkyl, C_1-C_4 alkoxy, nitro, trifluoromethyl, amino or C_1-C_4 alkylamino radical; a heterocycle chosen from thiophene, furan and pyridine; and a radical -$(CH_2)_p$-O-$(CH_2)_q$-OR", in which p and q are integers, which are identical or different, ranging from 1 to 3 inclusive, and R" is chosen from a hydrogen atom and a methyl radical;

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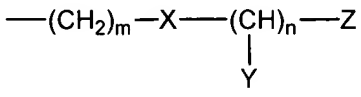
with the provisos that, in formula (III),

- at least one of the radicals R_{10}, R_{11}, R_{12} and R_{13} is a hydrogen atom;

- when R_{10}, or R_{12}, respectively, is a substituted or unsubstituted phenyl radical, or a benzyl radical or a radical



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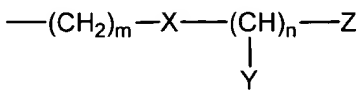
then R_{11}, or R_{13}, respectively, is not a substituted or unsubstituted phenyl radical, or a benzyl radical or a radical



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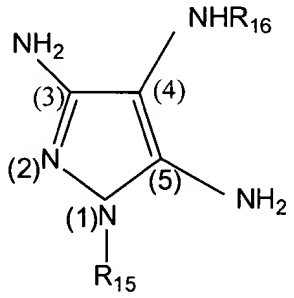
- when R_{12} and R_{13} simultaneously represent a hydrogen atom, then R_9 can form, with R_{10} and R_{11}, a hexahydropyrimidine or tetrahydroimidazole heterocycle which is optionally substituted with a C_1-C_4 alkyl or 1,2,4-tetrazole radical;

- when R_{10}, R_{11}, R_{12} and R_{13} represent a hydrogen atom or a C_1-C_6 alkyl radical, then R_9 or R_{14} can also represent a 2-, 3- or 4-pyridyl, 2- or 3-thienyl or 2- or 3-furyl heterocyclic residue which is optionally substituted with a methyl radical or a cyclohexyl radical.

27. (Amended) A composition according to Claim 48, wherein said triaminopyrazoles are chosen from compounds of formula (IV), and acid addition salts thereof:



(IV)

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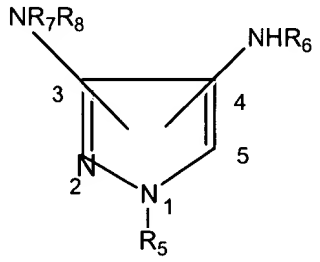
- R_{15} and R_{16}, which are identical or different, are chosen from a hydrogen atom, a C_1-C_4 alkyl and a C_2-C_4 hydroxyalkyl radical.

42. (Amended) A method for dyeing keratin fibers, comprising:

(a) applying to said keratin fibers at least one dye composition, which comprises

- at least one oxidation base chosen from diaminopyrazoles of formula (II) and acid-addition salts thereof:



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in which:

- R_5 is chosen from a C_2-C_4 hydroxyalkyl radical;

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- R_6 and R_7, which are identical or different, are chosen from a hydrogen atom, a C_1-C_4 alkyl radical, a C_2-C_4 hydroxyalkyl radical, a benzyl radical and a phenyl radical; and

- R_8 is chosen from a hydrogen atom, a C_1-C_6 alkyl radical and a C_2-C_4 hydroxyalkyl radical, and

- at least one coupler chosen from 3-amino-2-chloro-6-methylphenol and acid addition salts thereof; and

(b) developing a color at an acidic, neutral or alkaline pH with the aid of an oxidizing agent, wherein said oxidizing agent is added to said at least one dye composition at the time of application of said composition, or wherein said oxidizing agent is present in an oxidizing composition, and wherein said oxidizing composition is applied simultaneously or sequentially with said at least one dye composition.

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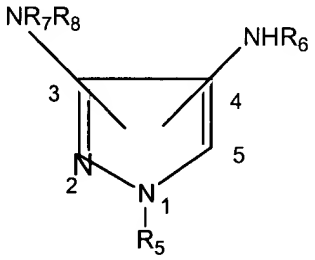
47. (Amended) A multi-compartment kit for dyeing keratin fibers, comprising at least two compartments, wherein one compartment comprises an oxidizing composition, and another compartment comprises a composition for the oxidation dyeing of keratin fibers, said composition for the oxidation dyeing of keratin fibers comprising:

- at least one oxidation base chosen from diaminopyrazoles of formula (II) and acid-addition salts thereof:



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in which:

- R_5 is chosen from a C_2-C_4 hydroxyalkyl radical;

- R_6 and R_7, which are identical or different, are chosen from a hydrogen atom, a C_1-C_4 alkyl radical, a C_2-C_4 hydroxyalkyl radical, a benzyl radical and a phenyl radical; and

- R_8 is chosen from a hydrogen atom, a C_1-C_6 alkyl radical and a C_2-C_4 hydroxyalkyl radical, and

- at least one coupler chosen from 3-amino-2-chloro-6-methylphenol and acid addition salts thereof.

48. (New) A composition for the oxidation dyeing of keratin fibers comprising:

- at least one oxidation base chosen from diaminopyrazoles, triaminopyrazoles, and acid-addition salts thereof, and

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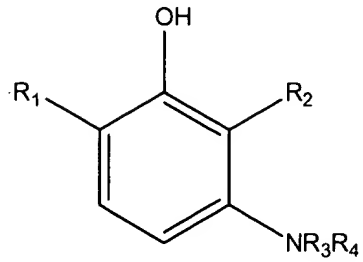
- at least one coupler chosen from halogenated meta-aminophenols of formula (I), and acid addition salts thereof:



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in which:

- R_1 is chosen from a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a C_1-C_4 alkyl radical, a C_1-C_4 monohydroxyalkyl radical, a C_2-C_4 polyhydroxyalkyl radical, a C_1-C_4 alkoxy radical, a C_1-C_4 monohydroxyalkoxy radical and a C_2-C_4 polyhydroxyalkoxy radical;

- R_2 is chosen from a halogen atom; and

- R_3 and R_4, which are identical or different, are chosen from a hydrogen atom, a C_1-C_4 alkyl radical, a C_1-C_4 monohydroxyalkyl radical, a C_2-C_4 polyhydroxyalkyl radical and a C_1-C_4 monoaminoalkyl radical.

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49. (New) A composition according to Claim 48, wherein R_1 is chosen from a halogen atom, a C_1-C_4 alkyl radical, a C_1-C_4 monohydroxyalkyl radical, a C_2-C_4 polyhydroxyalkyl radical, a C_1-C_4 alkoxy radical, a C_1-C_4 monohydroxyalkoxy radical and a C_2-C_4 polyhydroxyalkoxy radical.

50. (New) A composition according to Claim 48, wherein R_1 is chosen from a C_1-C_4 alkyl radical.

51. (New) A composition according to Claim 48, wherein the at least one coupler is chosen from 3-amino-2-chloro-6-methylphenol and acid addition salts thereof.

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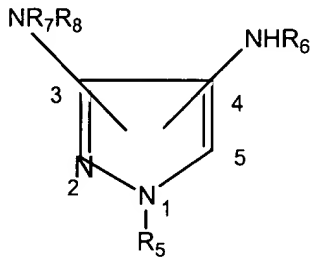
52. (New) A composition according to Claim 48, wherein the at least one oxidation base is chosen from diaminopyrazoles of formula (II), and acid addition salts thereof:



(II)

in which:

- R_5 is chosen from a C_2-C_4 hydroxyalkyl radical;

- R_6 and R_7 which are identical or different, are chosen from a hydrogen atom, a C_1-C_4 alkyl radical, a C_2-C_4 hydroxyalkyl radical, a benzyl radical and a phenyl radical; and

- R_8 is chosen from a hydrogen atom, a C_1-C_6 alkyl radical and a C_2-C_4 hydroxyalkyl radical.

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53. (New) A composition according to Claim 48, wherein said keratin fibers are human keratin fibers.

54. (New) A composition according to Claim 53, wherein said human keratin fibers are human hair.

55. (New) A composition according to Claim 48, wherein said composition is in a medium suitable for dyeing.

56. (New) A composition according to Claim 48, wherein said at least one oxidation base is present in an amount ranging from 0.0005 to 12% by weight relative to the total weight of the composition.

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57. (New) A composition according to Claim 56, wherein said at least one oxidation base is present in an amount ranging from 0.005 to 6% by weight relative to the total weight of the composition.

58. (New) A composition according to Claim 48, wherein said at least one coupler is present in an amount ranging from 0.0001 to 5% by weight relative to the total weight of the composition.

59. (New) A composition according to Claim 58, wherein said at least one coupler is present in an amount ranging from 0.005 to 3% by weight relative to the total weight of the composition.

60. (New) A composition according to Claim 48, wherein said acid addition salts are chosen from hydrochlorides, hydrobromides, sulphates, tartrates, lactates and acetates.

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61. (New) A composition according to Claim 55, wherein said medium suitable for dyeing or support comprises water or a mixture of water and at least one organic solvent.

62. (New) A composition according to Claim 61, wherein said at least one organic solvent is chosen from C_1-C_4 lower alkanols, glycerol, glycols and glycol ethers, and aromatic alcohols.

63. (New) A composition according to Claim 48, wherein said composition has a pH ranging from 3 to 12.

64. (New) A composition according to Claim 48, wherein said composition is in the form of a liquid, a cream, or a gel.

65. (New) A composition according to Claim 48, wherein said composition is in the form of a liquid, a cream, a gel, or in any other form suitable for dyeing human hair.

66. (New) A method for dyeing keratin fibers, comprising:

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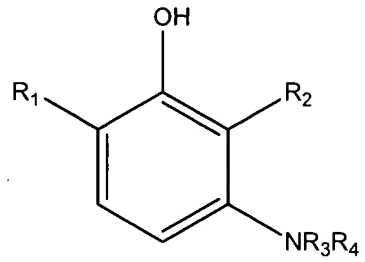
(a) applying to said keratin fibers at least one dye composition, which comprises

- at least one oxidation base chosen from diaminopyrazoles, triaminopyrazoles, and acid-addition salts thereof;

- and at least one coupler chosen from halogenated meta-aminophenols of formula (I), and acid addition salts thereof:



(I)

in which:

- R_1 is chosen from a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a C_1-C_4 alkyl radical, a C_1-C_4 monohydroxyalkyl radical, a C_2-C_4 polyhydroxyalkyl radical, a C_1-C_4 alkoxy radical, a C_1-C_4 monohydroxyalkoxy radical and a C_2-C_4 polyhydroxyalkoxy radical;

- R_2 is chosen from a halogen atom; and

- R_3 and R_4, which are identical or different, are chosen from a hydrogen atom, a C_1-C_4 alkyl radical, a C_1-C_4 monohydroxyalkyl radical, a C_2-C_4 polyhydroxyalkyl radical and a C_1-C_4 monoaminoalkyl radical; and

(b) developing a color at an acidic, neutral or alkaline pH with the aid of an oxidizing agent, wherein said oxidizing agent is added to said at least one dye composition at the time of application of said composition, or wherein said oxidizing agent is present in an oxidizing composition, and wherein said oxidizing composition is applied simultaneously or sequentially with said at least one dye composition.

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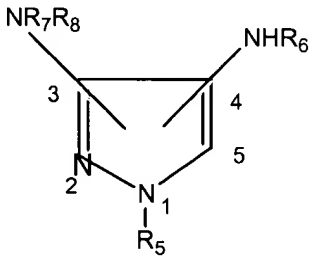
67. (New) A method according to claim 66, wherein R_1 is chosen from R_1 is chosen from a halogen atom, a C_1-C_4 alkyl radical, a C_1-C_4 monohydroxyalkyl radical, a C_2-C_4 polyhydroxyalkyl radical, a C_1-C_4 alkoxy radical, a C_1-C_4 monohydroxyalkoxy radical and a C_2-C_4 polyhydroxyalkoxy radical.

68. (New) A method according to claim 66, wherein R_1 is chosen from a C_1-C_4 alkyl radical.

69. (New) A method according to claim 66, wherein the at least one coupler is chosen from 3-amino-2-chloro-6-methylphenol and acid addition salts thereof.

70. (New) A method according to claim 66, wherein the at least one oxidation base is chosen from diaminopyrazoles of formula (II), and acid addition salts thereof:



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in which:

- R_5 is chosen from a C_2-C_4 hydroxyalkyl radical;

- R_6 and R_7 which are identical or different, are chosen from a hydrogen atom, a C_1-C_4 alkyl radical, a C_2-C_4 hydroxyalkyl radical, a benzyl radical and a phenyl radical; and

- R_8 is chosen from a hydrogen atom, a C_1-C_6 alkyl radical and a C_2-C_4 hydroxyalkyl radical.

71. (New) A method according to Claim 66, wherein said keratin fibers are human keratin fibers.

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72. (New) A method according to Claim 71, wherein said human keratin fibers are human hair.

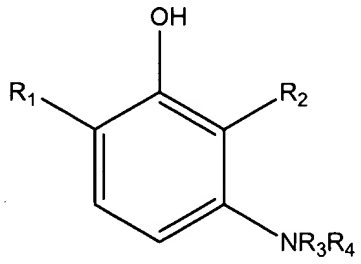
73. (New) A method according to Claim 66, wherein said oxidizing agent is chosen from hydrogen peroxide, urea peroxide, alkali metal bromates, persalts, and peracids.

74. (New) A method according to Claim 73, wherein said persalts are chosen from perborates, percarbonates and persulphates.

75. (New) A multi-compartment kit for dyeing keratin fibers, comprising at least two compartments, wherein one compartment comprises an oxidizing composition, and another compartment comprises a composition for the oxidation dyeing of keratin fibers, said composition for the oxidation dyeing of keratin fibers comprising:

- at least one oxidation base chosen from diaminopyrazoles, triaminopyrazoles, and acid-addition salts thereof;

- and at least one coupler chosen from halogenated meta-aminophenols of formula (I), and acid addition salts thereof:



(I)

in which:

- R_1 is chosen from a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a C_1-C_4 alkyl radical, a C_1-C_4 monohydroxyalkyl radical, a C_2-C_4 polyhydroxyalkyl radical, a C_1-C_4 alkoxy radical, a C_1-C_4 monohydroxyalkoxy radical and a C_2-C_4 polyhydroxyalkoxy radical;

- R_2 is chosen from a halogen atom; and

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- R_3 and R_4, which are identical or different, are chosen from a hydrogen atom, a C_1-C_4 alkyl radical, a C_1-C_4 monohydroxyalkyl radical, a C_2-C_4 polyhydroxyalkyl radical and a C_1-C_4 monoaminoalkyl radical..

76. (New) A multi-compartment kit according to Claim 75, wherein R_1 is chosen from R_1 is chosen from a halogen atom, a C_1-C_4 alkyl radical, a C_1-C_4 monohydroxyalkyl radical, a C_2-C_4 polyhydroxyalkyl radical, a C_1-C_4 alkoxy radical, a C_1-C_4 monohydroxyalkoxy radical and a C_2-C_4 polyhydroxyalkoxy radical.

77. (New) A multi-compartment kit according to Claim 75, wherein R_1 is chosen from a C_1-C_4 alkyl radical.

78. (New) A multi-compartment kit according to Claim 75, wherein the at least one coupler is chosen from 3-amino-2-chloro-6-methylphenol and acid addition salts thereof.

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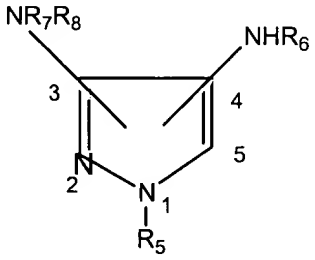
79. (New) A multi-compartment kit according to Claim 75, wherein the at least one oxidation base is chosen from diaminopyrazoles of formula (II), and acid addition salts thereof:



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in which:

- R_5 is chosen from a C_2-C_4 hydroxyalkyl radical;

- R_6 and R_7 which are identical or different, are chosen from a hydrogen atom, a C_1-C_4 alkyl radical, a C_2-C_4 hydroxyalkyl radical, a benzyl radical and a phenyl radical; and

- R_8 is chosen from a hydrogen atom, a C_1-C_6 alkyl radical and a C_2-C_4 hydroxyalkyl radical.

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